

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 21-24 and 52 contain allowable subject matter, and that these claims would be allowable once Applicant amends the claims to place them in independent form.

By the current amendment, Applicant amends independent claim 17 to include the limitation of objected claim 21. Objected claims 21-24 and 52 depend from amended claim 17, and thus, these claims do not need to be amended to be placed in independent form. Further, Applicant notes that claims 18-20 depend from amended claim 17, and that claim 21 (which, as noted above, has been incorporated into claim 17) is canceled.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 17-20, 22-24 and 52 are allowable over the art of record, and respectfully requests such an indication from the Examiner.

Applicant also submits new independent claim 53 and dependent claims 54-59 for the Examiner's consideration. New independent claim 53 is based upon claim 17, but is drafted to define a C-TONE signal and R-FLAG signal. New dependent claims 54-59 are based upon claims 18-20 and 22-24. These claims are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons applicable to claims 17-20, 22-24 and 52. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to indicate the allowability of the newly submitted claims.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

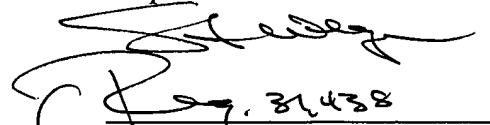
In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in

combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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